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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PARTICIPATION IN UN MAPUTO CONFERENCE

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY E.W. MWASAKAFYUKA, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, OF COMPOSITION OF TANZANIA'S DELEGATION TO MAY 16-21 UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

2. SIZE OF DELEGATION IS SMALL AT MOZAMBIQUE'S REQUEST BECAUSE OF LIMITED ACCOMMODATIONS. IT IS LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BENJAMIN MKAPA. OTHERS ARE OKED M. KATIKAZA, TANZANIA'S AMBASSADOR IN MAPUTO; MISS FATUMA TATU NURU, MEMBER OF TANZANIA'S UN MISSION; SALIM SALIM, TANZANIA'S UN PERMREP; AND FANNUEL I. KUZILWA SECOND SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. MKAPA WAS APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER IN FEB. 1977. HE HAD SERVED AS TANZANIA'S AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA (AND GHANA) SINCE OCT. 1976, AND WAS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1963-65, BUT HIS CAREER HAS BEEN PRIMARILY IN JOURNALISM, AS EDITOR OF TANZANIA'S
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GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY PAPER FROM 1966-74, AS PRESIDENT NYERERE'S PRESS SECRETARY FROM 1975-76, AND AS HEAD OF TANZANIAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY (SHIHATA) IN JULY-OCTOBER 1976. HE WAS EDUCATED IN TANZANIA AND UGANDA, AND WAS A CARNEGIE FELLOW AT COLOMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (1962-63). MKAPA IS ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT, AND A FIRM BELIEVER IN TANZANIA'S DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES. HE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY

CORDIAL, IF SOMETIMES ARGUMENTATIVE, WITH AMERICANS, AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM THAN MOST TANZANIAN OFFICIALS.

4. UN PERMREP SALIM SALIM, AND PERHAPS MISS NURU, ARE WELL KNOWN TO USUN. MISS NURU JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1973 AND WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTION UNTIL ASSIGNED TO UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION IN JULY 1976.

5. AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA HAS SERVED AS HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LUSAKA, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INSURANCE CORPORATION, AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMONG OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. KATIKAZA IS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN MAPUTO AND HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO AMERICAN EMBASSY THERE.

6. KUZILWA IS A DEPUTY TO MWASAKAFYUKA IN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION. HE IS NOT FAMILIAR TO US BUT HE COMES FROM AN OFFICE WITH WHICH EMBASSY ENJOYS CORDIAL RELATIONS AND WITH WHICH THERE HAS BEEN FRANK AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AFRICAN MATTERS.

7. WE EXPECT TANZANIAN DELEGATION TO BE ACTIVE AT MAPUTO CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY AS SALIM SALIM HEADS CO-SPONSORING UN COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION. TANZANIAN DELEGATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN PREPARING AND OBTAINING SUPPORT FOR STRONGEST POSSIBLE DECLARATION ON NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

8. MWASAKAFYUKA ASKED IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG MIGHT BE VISITING TANZANIA ON WAY TO OR FROM MAPUTO. EMBOFF REPLIED HE HAD NO CONFIDENTIAL

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